

**FOSTER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Captain Isaac Paine School
160 Foster Center Road
Foster, RI 02825

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Open Session – 8:00 AM

1. **Convene Meeting** – Chair, Kathleen Swanson, called the meeting of the Foster School Committee (FSC) to order at 8:00 AM on July 8, 2014.
 - a. *Roll Call* – all members were preset. Chair, Kathleen Swanson, Vice Chair, Shelley Pezza, and member, Ron Cervasio. Also present were Superintendent, Caroline Caswell and FSC secretary, Helena McCullough.
 - b. *Pledge of Allegiance* – was recited by everyone in attendance.
2. **Public Comment** – there was no Public Comment.
3. The Executive Session was motioned after Old Business and New Business. On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC **voted to go into Executive Session for discussion and/or action regarding those items of business referred to in R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a) (1) Job Performance – Principal.** Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Mrs. Swanson reported that the Principal Job performance was discussed. A vote was taken to extend the Principal contract by one year and approved the waiver for student tuition.

On a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mrs., Swanson, the FSC voted to “seal” the minutes of Executive Session.

4. **Old Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *2014-2015 Budget* – no discussion.
 - b. *Policies* –
 - 1) *Truancy #5142 – Revision > Attendance – 2nd Reading* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the second reading of the revised named policy “Attendance”. Motion passed. Vote – 3-0-0.
 - 2) *Volunteer #10001– New – 2nd Reading* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the second reading of the “Volunteer” policy. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.
5. **New Business (for discussion/action)**
 - a. *Contract Approval* –
 - 1) *Transportation* – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to extend the transportation contract for two (2) years with the Ocean State Transportation bus company. Discussion. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- b. *Personnel –Appointments* – on a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to appoint Ashley Lyons as a grade one (1) teacher per the FTA contract salary and benefits. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

On a motion by Mrs. Swanson and seconded by Ms. Pezza the FSC approved the Superintendent’s recommendation to appoint Lynn Richardson as part-time secretary to begin August 18, 2014. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

6. Communication/Reports

- a. *Correspondence* – there was no correspondence.
- b. *Principal’s Report* – no report.
- c. *Superintendent’s Report* – no report.

7. Future Agenda Items

- FSC meeting Calendar
- Lice Policy – first (1st) reading

After the Executive Session, a motion by Ms. Pezza seconded by Mrs. Swanson, the FSC went into Open Session at 8:40 AM. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

- 8. **Adjournment** – on a motion by Ms. Pezza and seconded by Mr. Cervasio, the FSC adjourned at 8:41 Am. Motion passed. Vote = 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena McCullough
Secretary Foster School Committee